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Hello I am a resident of Stevens County and I have concerns about the new expansion of the Riverview dairy lot. I am requesting a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be made to help guide the planning of this expansion.

I have done a general review of the environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) and see the beginnings of plans to lower the impact on the environment. I am concerned that not all plans have been thoroughly fleshed out. Such as "Increase impervious surfaces by 121 acres" and "increase in manure storage". In the last year Stevens county and surrounding areas were heavily impacted by above average rainfall in short windows with 5+ inches in a 24 hour period. I think a full EIS will help ensure that the EAW plan will prevent further road floodings, sediment deposition in the river, wildlife impacts, and any potential leaks of manure or other hazardous materials into the pomme de terre river. This feedlot will have environmental impacts and I wish to see all plans to minimize these as much as possible with an EIS.

Thank you for your consideration and work to help make this dairy lot possible. I recognize the importance of having animals to feed the country, and as an avid cheese fan myself I am not against the expansion just want to see a full Environmental Impact Statement to help prevent irreversible damage to the prairie and wetlands around my home. We have few chances to keep our environment safe and look forward to this lot not being part of the problem.